

**Dr. Peterson**

**Welcome: Innovation Center Directors' Meeting**

10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Centergy Building

Welcome the group and make sure everyone knows who the other participants are.

My experience in Colorado getting the heads of the national labs together brought great dividends. Just convening everyone together brings new opportunity to share ideas and practices.

Although many of the centers are connected to each other and to campus, we hope that this roundtable and others like it will be a way to share ideas and explore collaboration opportunities with each other and with the campus.

Tech Square:

- The concentration of talented students (1,200 with the two new student apartments here)
- NCR HQ a block away (2017-2018). Worldpay HQ just a few blocks away at Atlantic Station by 2016.
- Expansion of Tech Square with the addition of the High Performance Computing Complex (double square footage, providing resources)
- Time of great momentum:
  - Panasonic, May 2012
  - ThyssenKrupp, January 2013
  - AT&T, August 2013
  - Home Depot, Summer 2014
  - We welcome our newest centers:
    - Coca-Cola Enterprises Innovation and Development Lab, December 2014
    - Southern Company Energy Innovation Center, Summer 2015

In closing, we hope that with today's discussions we can spark sharing of best practices and lessons learned. Greg King and Steve Cross will work with you as you grow your innovation network here in midtown and at Georgia Tech.